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Title: OVERLAPPING SHAPE DESIGN RULE ERROR PREVENTION

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action of January 8, 2007, please reconsider the above-referenced patent application in light of the following remarks:

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.